

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A recording medium drive comprising:

a base;

a cover received on a receiving surface of the base and defining an inner space between the base and the cover itself;

a fastening mechanism coupling the cover to the receiving surface of the base; and

an elastic member continuously surrounding an occupied space of the fastening mechanism between the receiving surface of the base and the cover.

Claim 2 (Original): The recording medium drive according to claim 1, wherein said fastening mechanism comprises:

a depression formed in the cover; a through bore formed in the cover within the depression; and a fastening member received in the depression and penetrating into the through bore.

Claim 3 (Original): The recording medium drive according to claim 1, further comprising a packing interposed between the receiving surface of the base and the cover so as to continuously surround said inner space.

Claim 4 (Original): The recording medium drive according to claim 3, wherein the elastic member and the packing are an integral member.

Claim 5 (Original): The recording medium drive according to claim 4, wherein the elastic member and the packing are adhered to the cover.

Claim 6 (Original): The recording medium drive according to claim 1, wherein the packing defines:

- an inside contour described along a contour of the inner space; and
- an outside contour described corresponding to the inside contour line.

Claim 7 (Original): A packing member for a recording medium drive, comprising:

- a packing interposed between a base and a cover of the recording medium drive and continuously surrounding an inner space defined between the base and the cover; and
- an elastic member interposed between the base and the cover and continuously surrounding an occupied space of a fastening mechanism, said fastening mechanism coupling the cover to the base.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cover unit for a recording medium drive, comprising:
a cover;
a through bore formed in the cover and receiving a stem of a predetermined fastening member, a front surface of the cover receiving a head of the predetermined fastening member; and
an elastic member adhered to a back surface of the cover and continuously surrounding the through bore.

Claim 9 (Original): The cover unit according to claim 8, further comprising:
a packing being integral to the elastic member and adhered to the cover, said packing continuously extending all around an outer periphery of the cover.

Claim 10 (New): The cover unit according to claim 8, wherein a depression is formed in the front surface of the cover so as to swell from the back surface of the cover, said through bore being located at a bottom of the depression, said elastic member continuously surrounding the depression at the back surface of the cover.

Claim 11 (New): The cover unit according to claim 8, wherein the cover defines an inner space in cooperation with a base so that the back surface is opposed to the inner space.